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Out of the total number of 13 fires, 10 occurred in the city of Boston, and 3 in the suburbs. Of these 13 fires, 10 were of the class of "light" fires, and 3 of the class of "heavy" fires. The premises lost were valued at \$200,000, and insured for \$200,000. The losses were \$100,000. The following table shows the number of fires, the value of the premises lost, and the amount insured, for each year from 1872 to 1879:

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The State from its obligation to provide the additional asylum accommodation to which it is pledged; but it is time for the community at large to ask a little more seriously whether there are not other ways of dealing with lunacy besides the enlarging of asylums, and whether we are not providing for classes of lunatics in our public asylums whose case ought to be met in some other way.

TWO SUPREME COURT.—The Judges have directed that the offices of the Supreme Court shall be closed to-day, in consequence of the day having been set apart for general prayer and thanksgiving for the late rains.

the Court on next Monday, the 4th inst., will not be held, as the following day, Monday, is a public holiday. *Re v. New Zealand Insurance Co. must stand on Monday next, 10 a.m.*

CHIEF MAGISTRATE COVER.—The Hancock will call at the Chief Magistrate's Court for the Crown was finished, and evidence for the defence was then submitted, twenty-four witnesses for the defence were called in reply was called by the Attorney-General; and at 12 o'clock, at three minutes past 3 p.m., commenced his address to the jury in defence of the prisoners Comlon, Fea, and the other defendants, and also Burton. This conclusion was reached at 12 o'clock, and the Chief Magistrate spoke on behalf of the prisoner Marshall. At the termination of his address (half-past 6 p.m.), the Court adjourned until 10 o'clock, at which time the Attorney-General will then commence his reply.

DEPARTURE OF THE ZEALANDIA (N.).—Yesterday the mail steamer Zealandia left for San Francisco and other ports on the west coast of North America. There was a large crowd of passengers and crew on board.

disguise their grief on taking farewell of those who were unwillingly their parted from. The friends of Mr. Henry Broderick, comprising a number of his constituents, gathered on board the steamer *Myrtle* at Hesselton, manager of the Great North Western Co., and accompanied the Zealandia to the head of the lake. Previous to reaching the small steamer, however, an informal meeting was held, at which Mr. Allit, being voted to the chair, health and prosperity to Mr. Broderick was unanimously declared and was responded to by him in feeling thanks to his constituents. After bidding farewell to the friends, the Zealandia started for the head of the lake.

and exhausted by the voyage that the craft was ordered to put into Manly Beach for supplies. The consumption of a case of champagne at the Pier Hotel enabled them to bear up until they were safely landed at the Circular Quay all well.

Dr. Fray—this (Friday) evening:— Introductory voluntary, "With verdure clad," Haydn; prayers and responses with organ accompaniment, Thomas Tallis' "Mass," Palestrina, special services—Cantate, Dr. J. Smith, "Nunc Dimittis," Dr. Lewis, "Deo Gratias," Haydn; "Nunc Dimittis," Dr. Lewis, "Deo Gratias," Haydn; hymn, "The strain upon the strings," Haydn; hymn, "The strain upon the strings," Haydn; concluding voluntary, "Hailstone chorale," Handel.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE—At about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, a cabin on the rank in Bathurst street saw the reflection of a fire in the direction of New town, and immediately gave the alarm to the firemen on duty at the Brigade's station. The brigade assembled was at once started, under the supervision of Mr.

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return found the place in flames. The property belonged to Mr. Ross, who is insured in the Commercial Insurance Company for £1000, but this sum will not cover the loss. The house was built in 1870, and the new place last October, and previous to that Mr. Ross suffered severe loss by fire on premises which then occupied in another neighbourhood.

THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN CRICKET MATCH.—The long-talked-of cricketing contest between the Australian and English teams will be played to-day at Lord's. Wales and Victoria will commence to-day, and a new cricket ground at Moore Park, and be continued to-morrow and on Monday. The eleven, from their preliminary tour through the Australian colonies, will arrive in London on Sunday. The weather will be the game, and should the weather permit the prospects being favourable for the exhibition of first-class

emmed by the presence of Allan, who is expected to arrive in Sydney this morning, and most probably to remain here will be the twelfth man. The fifteen men who are to be in the contest they will have proved themselves well fitted to uphold the *cricketing prestige of Australia* on the cricket grounds of England. The arrangements for the match have been made for safe and comfortable travel, and for the public to the ground, arrangements having been made for special lines of omnibuses to deposit their passengers at the entrance gate of the cricket ground. The ladies' promenade in front of the stand will be fresh and green to the recent showers; and the sun and weather prove fine no doubt a walk on the cricket ground in velvet-lace turf will be doubly enjoyable.

WEDNESDAY—Two flagrant cases of wild-lawlessness were brought before the court yesterday morning at the Water Police Court, restoring

sense, and without any provocation, beat her with a fist, jumped upon her, and blacked her eyes as she appeared. In the other case, the wife had been severely and cruelly used. Her husband had a young girl, and when she refused to be the nurse of a friend, he took to this friend's house her husband and natural progeny, and came on the following day with a whip, with which he beat her most unmercifully upon all parts of her body. The whip drawing blood, the woman begged for mercy, but the whip was used by the aggressors and threatened to gouge her eyes out. Both men were fined \$5 each, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment. In the same instance, the Bench thought they were almost justified in sending the prisoner directly to the gaol.

ROBBERY AT FRESHMAN.—On Wednesday evening, a party of five or six persons entered the saloon of Mr. F. A. Morgan, Burns-street, Peterhead, and

the half-crowns, shillings, and expence, and about 10s. in threepenny-bit. The thieves also took three pounds of cake tobacco, and some matches from a glass case on the counter.

THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT NEAR PEARCE.—We have received the following additional contribution in aid of the widows and children left destitute in consequence of the recent railway accident:—Collected by E. G. Fielding, Esq., London, Brokers, £5; P. Kenna, Esq., £1; J. W. Lewis, Esq., £1; J. W. H. Woodhouse, Esq., £1; J. Wright, Heston, and Co., £3 2s.; E. V. Hoston, £1 10s.; and small subscriptions, £19 12s. "Thanksgiving," £3 2s.; surplus from "Harbours and Rivers" employees' picnic, per Robert Wilson, £3 2s. £1 and £1.

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A SHFIELD LAND SALE.
28 CHOICE BUILDING SITES,
at the corner of

UNDERWOOD and JOHN STREETS,
Ashfield Park Estate, near
Alexandria Crescent,
For Auction by the Ground,
TO-MORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock.

LITHOGRAPHS now ready.
TERMS.—One-fourth cash, residue, six, twelve, and
eighteen months, at 6 per cent. per annum. A DISCOUNT
of 24 per cent. for cash.

FREE TICKETS per 2.30 train To-morrow (Saturday)
Afternoon now ready.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.

CARRIAGE ESTATE
NORTH SHORE.

THIS BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY
 LAVENDER BAY,
 being
 THE GEM ESTATE
 of our NOBLE HARBOUR
 (within four minutes by steamer of the CITY),
 including
 SEVERAL CHOICE MARINE RESIDENCES,
 some with water frontages.
 Also,
 WATER-FRONT AGE VILLA SITES
 VALUABLE BUSINESS ALLOTMENTS,
 and

BUILDING SITES for PRIVATE RESIDENCES,
will be sold
ON THE GROUND,
by
RICHARDSON and WRENCH,
on
SATURDAY, 23rd March, at half-past 2.
Plan and Lithographs in course of preparation.
Terms, very liberal.

TWO FAMILY RESIDENCES and COTTAGE,
WOOLLAHRA.

LOT 1.—THORNBANK and COTHAM, at present oc-
cupied by the Rev. **WALLACE MORT** and Dr

TAYLOR. These properties are situate in Ocean-street, near to the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, and opposite to the residence of

Hon. ALEX. CAMPBELL, M.L.C.

LOT 2.—A Weatherboard Cottage and shed, situate at the corner of GLEBE and THORNE STREETS.

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Titles.—The residue of a 99 years' lease.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public-auction, at the Rooms, Bell's chambers, 174, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on

WEDNESDAY, 5th, of

THORNBANK and Othman, situate in OCEAN-STREET, WOOLLAHRA, containing 6 and 8 rooms respectively—kitchen, wash-house, scullery, &c., &c., and having a large yard and paddock with flower garden.

* * * These houses are well built on stone foundations, with large verandahs latticed in brick, and are let at the sum of £240 per annum.

The land has a frontage of 261 feet to Ocean-street, by depth of about 150 feet to Thorne-street.

Also, a Wetherborn Cottage of 3 rooms, verandah, &c., with large shed, and situate at the corner of GLEBE and THORNE STREETS.

The land has a large frontage to both streets, and the ground rent will be £5 per annum.

This comfortable little cottage is let at 10s per week, and being so well situated, it is always tenanted.

Inspection invited. Orders to view from the Auctioneer.

Day of Sale
WEDNESDAY, March 6.
Corner of

THORNE and GLEE STREETS, WOOLLAHRA.
A Weather-board COTTAGE, containing 4 rooms, kitchen &c., with shingled roof, at present occupied by Mrs Mahlam at a rental of 10s per week.
 Title—Residue of a 99 years' lease.
 Ground rent, £5 per annum.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instruction

TO sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Bell's chambers, 175, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on
WEDNESDAY, 6th MARCH,
the above-described cottage residence.
Plan on View.

UNDERWOOD ESTATE, PADDINGTON.

For absolute Sale.
SECTION 8, LOT 23, having 19 feet 2 inches frontage

to UNDERWOOD ESTATE, by the large depth of
178 FEET to a lane at the rear.

TORRENS' TITLE.

HARDIE and **GORMAN** have received instruction
to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Bell's
chambers, 173, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on WED-
NESDAY, 6th March,

The above-described allotment in this well-known estate
and situate between WOODSTOCK HALL, and
WILLIAM-STREET.

By J. A. B. B. at the Rooms.

NEWTOWN.
Fine Family Residence,
GOWRIE HOUSE,
only three minutes' walk from the
NEW STATION.
Elevated position, fronting the
Brakriville Road 93 feet,
with the extensive frontage of 102 feet to Gowrie-street
now in the occupation of Mr. Swanson, at a rental of
\$500 PER ANNUM.

BOWDEN and MILLS have received instructions to sell by auction, ON THE GROUND, on SATURDAY, March 2nd, at 3 o'clock,
The above-mentioned property, being Lot 1 of section of the subdivision of the Gorrie Estate
The land has 93 feet frontage to the Erskineville Road directly opposite the street leading from the new Hallway platform, which is only three minutes distant. The depth is 150 feet to a wide lane running from Gorrie-street to Angel-street.
The house is erected of brick, and from its elevated position

There is an abundant supply of water from large underground tanks.

The municipal neighbourhood is being rapidly covered with good class houses; and with a Ministry in power who are pledged to push the extension of the railway through Sydney, property so favourably situated as the Gowrie Estate must soon become nearly equal to city property in value.

Title good. Terms, liberal.
Plan at the Rooms, 154, Pitt-street.

GREAT LAND SALE.

**NEWTOWN,
THE GOWRIE ESTATE.**

comprising—
GOWRIE HOUSE AND GROUNDS.

TWELVE ACRES OF LAND,
SUBDIVIDED INTO 126 ALLOTMENTS,
ONLY 3 MINUTES' WALK
 from
THE NEW RAILWAY PLATFORM.

EXTENSIVE FRONTAGES TO THE RAILWAY
AND ERSKINEVILLE ROAD,
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**NEWMAN-STREET, DIRECT from
ANGEL-STREET, to the
NEWTOWN 'BUS STAND.**

Terms, liberal.

BOWDEN and MILLS have been instructed by the
promotor to sell by auction, on the GROUND
on **SATURDAY, March 2nd, at 3 o'clock.**
THIS SPLENDID BLOCK OF LAND.
Section 1 includes Gworie House, which will have 80
feet frontage to Erskineville Road by 150 feet in

The house is a good brick-built two-story erection of rooms, with abundance of out buildings, at present lot for £90 per annum.

In this section there will be 12 lots fronting Erskineville-road, and 17 fronting Union, Gowrie, Newman, and Angel streets.

Section 2 contains 6 lots, fronting Newman-street, 1 fronting Gowrie-street, and 17 fronting Angel street.

Section 3 contains 7 lots, fronting Newman-street, 1 lot fronting Union-street, and 17 fronting Gowrie-street.

Section 4 contains 15 allotments, fronting Harold street.

Nearly all the lots are from 30 to 33 feet frontage by from 100 to 123 feet deep; all allotments have the advantage of back entrance by lane 12 feet wide.

The very eligible position of this estate, situated between the Newtown Railway Station and the new platform, extending from the Railway at the Brinkinsville road to the Illington Estate, in the highest and most improved part of this locality, and near to the Public school, warrants the auctioneers in stating that it is one of the most procurable in the suburbs of Sydney.

GOOD TITLE
TERMS—One-fourth deposit, the balance can remain at 12, and 15 months at 6 per cent.
 Lithographs now ready for distribution.

